

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Friends,

September 25, 2014

Last week's Governor & Council meeting saw consideration of several large contracts: We ok'd programs to execute our annual federally-funded support for low-income heating assistance (\$32MM); weatherization programs (\$1MM), and \$50k in state-funded energy assistance for seniors, all of which are flat-funded to last year's levels. We also tabled a vote (delayed until next meeting) on facilitating \$54MM in bonds for Pennichuck Water Works until we were supplied financial statement projections we could review.

Also last week, the Council voted to raise the threshold for which contracts will require Governor & Council review, to move the smallest 15% of contracts (which represent less than 0.2% of all funds we review) from requiring typical G&C meeting approval to instead undergoing a quarterly post-contract review. This move will save thousands of hours of work and prevent contract delays every year. The new thresholds (above which contracts still require traditional G&C review) are: \$2,500 for meeting expenses and annual memberships; \$10,000 for hourly service contracts; and \$25,000 for other business contracts.

The Council also voted to approve:

IN CENTRAL NH: Parental visitation facilitation by the Merrimack Co. Visitation Center in Boscawen; low-income fuel assistance, weatherization help, and senior energy aid via the Belknap-Merrimack Co Community Action Program (flat funded to last year); a new foundation for the equipment barn at the State Forest Nursery in Boscawen; aid to update local hazard planning in the town of Washington; and building renovation in Concord and cooling/HVAC repair at the state office complex on Hazen Dr. in Concord.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Low-income fuel assistance, weatherization help, and senior energy aid via the Southwestern Community Services (flat funded to last year); \$25k conservation grant for the Lower Warren Brook stream restoration in Alstead; and six household hazardous waste collection sites.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Low-income fuel assistance, weatherization help, and senior energy aid via Community Action Partnership of Strafford Co (flat funded to last year); waterfront work on Little Bay in Dover; and Somersworth Field Maintenance Shop construction.

STATEWIDE: Continued service to families of NH National Guard, Reserve, and active duty soldiers to help with deployment support; tabled a financing request to facilitate \$54 MM in bonds for Pennichuck Water Works to support maintenance and capitol improvements; and NH agriculture tourism marketing for the state.

APPOINTMENTS: Full list below. The Governor nominated three judges (hearings Mon 9/29 at 3, 4 & 5pm in Concord) and two public members of the newly reformed Site Evaluation Committee for new energy projects, as well as various other positions. Also, the nomination of Liquor Commission Marketing & Warehousing Director Rick Gerrish remained on the table for a vote at a future meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 1 in Manchester, NH. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,

Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[LINK TO FULL 9/17 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#7](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Merrimack County Visitation Center, Boscawen, NH, for the provision of access and visitation services for parents with a minor child in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Effective October 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#25](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the Fuel Assistance Program, in the amount of \$5,032,769. (2) Further Authorized to advance \$498,086. Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#34](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the Federal Weatherization Assistance Program, in the amount of \$162,600.23. (2) Further Authorized to advance \$45,114.75. Effective July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#36](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$7,841. Effective October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

[#53](#) Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to enter into a contract with Kruger Trucking LLC, Pembroke, NH, for a New Foundation for a New Equipment Barn at the State Forest Nursery in Boscawen, in the amount of \$34,909. Effective upon G&C approval through October 17, 2014. **98% Agency Income, 1.3% Inter-Agency Transfers.**

[#74](#) Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to provide technical to the Towns of Newport and Washington for updating their local hazard mitigation plans, for a total amount of \$13,500. Effective upon G&C approval through January 9, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#85](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Turnstone Corp., Milford, NH, for the cooling Tower Replacement and HVAC Upgrades – 7 & 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, for a total price not to exceed \$803,800. Effective upon G&C approval through February 27, 2015. **84% General Capital, 16% Transfer Funds.** (2) Further Authorized the amount of \$2,570 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$806,370. **100% Transfer Funds.**

[#90](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Schroeder Construction Management, Nashua, NH, for the Combined Support Maintenance Shop – Building H Renovations Project, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$726,350. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$45,000 for unanticipated structural expenses and owner initiated changes, bringing the total to \$771,350. (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$30,000 for

payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$801,350. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#16](#) Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way to pay property owners \$195,100 as documented in the Contemplated Awards List for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from August 12, 2014 through August 25, 2015.

[#27](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, for the Fuel Assistance Program, in the amount of \$3,822,218. (2) Further Authorized to advance \$378,418. Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#31](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, for the Federal Weatherization Assistance Program, in the amount of \$133,401.47. (2) Further Authorized to advance \$36,555.34. Effective July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#35](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$5,408. Effective October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

[#48](#) Authorized the State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with The Town of Alstead, NH, in the amount of \$25,000 for the *Lower Warren Brook Stream Restoration Project*, in the Town of Alstead, Cheshire County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2016. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[#58](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** grant agreements with the six entities as detailed in letter dated August 28, 2014, totaling \$90,129 to fund Household Hazardous Waste collection projects. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Hazardous Waste Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#29](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, for the Fuel Assistance Program, in the amount of \$3,046,583. (2) Further Authorized to advance \$301,230. Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#33](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, for the Federal Weatherization Assistance Program, in the amount of \$97,919.39. (2) Further Authorized to advance \$26,154.02. Effective July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#39](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$2,519.76. Effective October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

[#61](#) Authorized John Fritz's request for ownership change and request to perform work on Little Bay, Dover.

[#91](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Careno Construction Co LLC, Portsmouth, NH, for the Somersworth Field Maintenance Shop, Somersworth, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$1,104,500. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$35,000 for unanticipated structural expenses and owner initiated changes, bringing the total to \$1,139,500. (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$45,000 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$1,184,500. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#C.](#) Authorized to amend an agreement with Easter Seals NH Inc., Manchester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3-24-10, item #88), to continue managing the statewide Deployment Cycle Support Program that provides support services to NH National Guard, Reserves and Active Duty service members, who are deployed or returning from combat, and their families by adjusting certain budget line items for SFY 2014 & SFY 2015 in order to meet specific needs. Effective upon G&C approval through the original end date of September 30, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Other Funds.**

[#6](#) TABLED to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the financing and refinancing of industrial water facilities by the Business Finance Authority for Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. at various locations within the State of New Hampshire. Action will Authorized a Resolution under RSA 162-I:9 to determine the financing will serve a public use, provide public benefit and is within the policy and authority of the Act.

[#46](#) Authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Travel and Tourism Development, to continue a marketing project uniting NH agriculture with tourism marketing for the State, in the amount of \$70,575. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **96% Federal – Specialty Crop Block Grant, 4% Other – UNH Risk Management Grant Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Superior Court Judge

Amy L. Ignatius, Concord, NH (resides in Concord)*

Andrew R. Schulman, Manchester, NH (resides in Bedford)

Circuit Court Judge

Suzanne M. Gorman, Concord, NH (resides in Goffstown)

Site Evaluation Committee

Amanda A. Merrill, Durham, NH*

Bob Odell, New London, NH

Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Cathy L. Minch, Newmarket, NH

Enhanced 911 Commission

Karen Mead, Bedford, NH

Board of Professional Geologists

Paul L. Rydel, Concord, NH*

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board

Kenneth R. Burgess, Hooksett, NH

Mechanical Licensing Board

Omer Beaudoin, Manchester, NH

Pease Development Authority

Arthur H. Nickless, Rochester, NH*

Pharmacy Board

Gary Merchant, Claremont, NH

Real Estate Commission

Daniel S. Jones, North Conway

New Hampshire Retirement System Board of Trustees

Tonya J. Angwin, Manchester, NH

Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board

Maureen W. Heckman, Gilford, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Director of Procurement and Support Services at the Department of Administrative Services

Lisa M. Pollard, Somersworth, NH*

State Committee on Aging

Russell A. Armstrong, Peterborough, NH

Board of Licensing for Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals

Serene M. Eastman, Gilford, NH

Kelly M. Reardon, Raymond, NH

Boxing and Wrestling Commission

Robert A. Stephen, Manchester, NH

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee

Harry C. Brown, Stewartstown, NH

Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission

Richard M. Sanders, Monroe, NH

Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Corrections

Helen E. Hanks, Lochmere, NH

Board of Professional Engineers

Chris R. Mulleavey, Concord, NH*

Board of Fire Control

Allan R. Clark, Sugar Hill, NH

Fire Standards and Training Commission

Peter J. Lennon, Manchester, NH

Health Services Planning and Review Board

Debra S. Grabowski, Raymond, NH

Juvenile Parole Board

Donald R. Nary, Dover, NH*

Board of Landscape Architects

Greg M. Grigsby, Grantham, NH

Director of Enforcement and Licensing at the Liquor Commission

James M. Wilson, Pittsfield, NH

Board of Optometry

Susan Haskell, Dover, NH*

Real Estate Appraisers Board

Charles F. Schubert, Gilford, NH

Director of the Division of Forests and Lands at the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Brad W. Simpkins, Hopkinton, NH*

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